Irish Gold

Starting at **$3,295***

Discover the heart of Ireland

Take your time on this Ireland tour, which explores the most acclaimed sights in the south and west, including the mountainous beauty of Connemara.

Trip details

Tour start
Dublin

Tour end
Dublin

9 Days

8 Nights

12 Meals

* Prices listed are in US dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of $1,395

Trip Highlights:
- Sean's Bar in Athlone
- Kylemore Abbey & Gardens
- Ring of Kerry
- House of Waterford Crystal
- Jaunting Car Ride
- Blarney Castle
- Marine Bar in Dungarvan – CIE Tours Exclusive
- Cliffs of Moher
- Irish Night at Kate Kearney's Cottage
- Pearse Lyons

Hotels:
- Royal Marine Hotel
- The Galmont Hotel & Spa
- Great Southern Killarney Hotel
- Granville Hotel
- Clayton Hotel Burlington Road

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Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin City Tour & Pearse Lyons Distillery

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from your hotel in Dún Laoghaire, a charming seaside suburb. Get started with a panoramic tour of Dublin, seeing historic O'Connell Street, Georgian buildings and squares, and St Stephen's Green. Visit the historic Liberties section of the city to explore Pearse Lyons Distillery. Housed inside an old church, Pearse Lyons offers a distinctive experience; you'll hear fascinating stories about the church and the neighborhood as well as sample the whiskey. Return to your hotel for a welcome drink with your fellow guests, and then enjoy an independent evening of dining and exploring as you wish.

Day 2 Sean's Bar & Galway Walking Tour

Head to the vibrant, artistic city of Galway. Along the way, enjoy a drink at Sean's Bar in Athlone. The oldest pub in Europe, Sean's Bar has been quenching thirsts since 900 AD. Join a local guide for a walking tour through Galway and discover this thriving city of medieval winding lanes and buzzing street life. Enjoy free time to explore Galway on your own, then join your group for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 3 Connemara, Catamaran Cruise & Kylemore Abbey & Gardens

Explore scenic Connemara to admire how constantly changing cloud formations give granite hills, sparkling lakes and peat bogs an added dimension. Take a catamaran cruise of Killary Harbour, a 9-mile fjord (seasonal). Tour Kylemore Abbey, set beside a tranquil lake, and see its elegant rooms, the charming church, and the Victorian Walled Gardens. Return to Galway where the evening is free to explore the city. (B)

Day 4 Sheepdog Visit, Cliffs of Moher & Kate Kearney's Cottage

Travel south around Galway Bay and through the stark beauty of the Burren, a distinctive limestone landscape. Immerse yourself in farm life as you watch trained sheepdogs herd their flock. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, rising 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic surf. Ferry across the River Shannon Estuary to the lovely town of Killarney, where you'll settle in for a two-night stay at the 5-star Great Southern Killarney, a landmark Victorian hotel. Enjoy an evening of traditional Irish entertainment and dinner at Kate Kearney's Cottage. (B, D)

Day 5 Jaunting Car Ride, Ring of Kerry Highlights & Kenmare

Take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car through Killarney National Park to scenic Ross Castle, set on the shores of Lough Leane. See the highlights of Ireland's most popular scenic drive, the Ring of Kerry. The stunning coastal and mountain landscapes will provide plenty of photo opportunities. Visit Moriarty's, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, in the Gap of Dunloe. Visit the colorful village of Kenmare and enjoy free time to explore its charming craft shops, art galleries, and cafés. Return to Killarney where your evening is free to explore as you wish. (B)

Day 6 Blarney Castle, Marine Bar & Waterford Walking Tour

Drive through the mountains into rich farming country on the way to Blarney Castle. Kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence" or explore the tranquil gardens. Travel along the coast to the Marine Bar in Dungarvan, a CIE Tours exclusive venue, for some traditional music. Continue to Waterford, the oldest city in Ireland, where you'll join a local guide for a walking tour through the narrow streets to discover its fascinating past. Spend free time before dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 7 Waterford Crystal, Kilkenny Castle & Dublin Dinner

Visit the House of Waterford Crystal, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, to watch skilled artisans create sparkling masterpieces on a guided factory tour. In Kilkenny, you'll have free time to explore the medieval city center and tour the beautifully restored Kilkenny Castle. Here you will see glorious 17th-century tapestries, family portraits, and sumptuous furnishings reflecting the lifestyle of the Butler family who once resided there. Travel on to Dublin, where you'll dine with a glass of wine at One Ballsbridge. (B, D)

Day 8 Independent Sightseeing in Dublin

Sightsee independently on a Hop-On, Hop-Off bus and visit one of Dublin's top attractions: Guinness Storehouse, Teeling Whiskey Distillery, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, Jameson Distillery Bow St. Experience, or GPO Museum. (B)

Day 9 Tour Ends in Dublin

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner>

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